

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR QUALITY PROGRAM**

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**SUBJECT:**    **U. S. Steel –Clairton Plant**  
                 400 State Street  
                 Clairton, PA 15025-1855

Allegheny County

Installation Permit: No. 0052-I011a

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**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:**

U. S. Steel Mon Valley Works Clairton Plant is the largest by-products coke plant in North America. The Clairton Plant operates 10 coke batteries and produces approximately 13,000 tons of coke per day from the destructive distillation (carbonization) of more than 18,000 tons of coal. During the carbonization process, approximately 225 million cubic feet of coke oven gas are produced. The volatile products of coal contained in the coke oven gas are recovered in the by-products plant. In addition to the coke oven gas, daily production of these by-products include 145,000 gallons of crude coal tar, 55,000 gallons of light oil, 35 tons of elemental sulfur, and 50 tons of anhydrous ammonia. The coke produced is used in the blast furnace operations in the production of molten iron for steel making.

**AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION:**

This permit is for the amendment of the U. S. Steel Mon Valley Works Clairton Plant installation permit (0052-I011), which was issued in July 24, 2008, pursuant to Article XXI, §2103.14.b. This amendment is for the following changes:

- 1) Section I: Revised the responsible official and facility contact information;
- 2) Conditions IV.26.f.2 & 3: Removed the conditions. The conditions were removed because the consent order and agreements have been terminated and have no legal effect;
- 3) Condition IV.26.f.2: Added new condition. This is a new consent order, which was signed in March 2016 and superseded prior agreements that were deleted;
- 4) Condition IV.27: The condition was moved from Section V;
- 5) Condition V.A.1.gg, Table 1: Revised the emissions table based on 2013 stack testing. The criteria pollutant emissions during the installation permit process in 2008 was based on different emission

- factor, partly on AP-42 but the current limit is based on recent C-battery stack test;
- 6) V.A.1.gg, Table 1-A: Added a separate SO<sub>2</sub> emissions table based on SIP IP-0052-I017;
  - 7) Condition V.A.2.s: Added condition on how to determine and comply with SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by converting the H<sub>2</sub>S grain loading of the fuel burned and the fuel flow rate;
  - 8) Condition V.A.2.r: Removed the SO<sub>2</sub> emission stack testing requirement. This was removed because the facility will estimate the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions based on the H<sub>2</sub>S grain loading of the fuel burned and fuel flow rate/throughput;
  - 9) Condition V.A.2.t: Removed the NO<sub>x</sub> emission stack testing and retain the CEM testing requirement. The facility has installed NO<sub>x</sub> CEM on the combustion stack and will use the CEM data to estimate and comply with NO<sub>x</sub> emissions;
  - 10) Condition V.A.3.a: Added the monitoring condition to monitor the H<sub>2</sub>S grain loading in the fuel burned;
  - 11) Section VII: Revised the emission summary table and removed the sentence “this section is provided for informational purposes.

The rest of the permit conditions remain unchanged.

#### **Netting/PSD Analysis for the C Battery Amendment:**

The emission calculations presented in Table 1 below provide the combustion stack emissions before and after the amendment. Table 2 shows the summary of emission calculations of both C battery and shutdown batteries 7-9. Table 3 shows the PSD analysis resulting from the increases associated with the operation of C Battery and the emission decreases resulting from the shutdown of Batteries 7, 8 & 9.

The increase in pollutant emissions due to the operation of C Battery and the emissions decreases due to the shutdown of Batteries 7, 8 & 9 result in a net emissions decrease. The summary of the netting analysis presented in Table 3 indicates a net reduction in emissions of all PSD and Nonattainment New Source Review pollutants; therefore, this amendment project will net out of PSD and Nonattainment New Source Review.

**Table 1**  
**Table 1 - C Battery Combustion Stack Emission Limitations**

POLLUTANT	Before Amendment	After Amendment
	TPY <sup>1</sup>	TPY <sup>1</sup>
Particulate Matter	17.30	77.0
PM-10	16.90	75.4
PM-2.5	16.70	74.5
Nitrogen Oxides	461.20	609.80
Carbon Monoxide	351.7	438.98
Sulfur Oxides	91.9	140.30
Volatile Organic Compound	5.0	51.9
Total Reduced Sulfur	0.007	8.80
Benzene	0.18	4.38
HCl	9.82	22.0
Naphthalene	0.50	0.50

<sup>1</sup>A year is defined as any 12 consecutive months.

**Table 2- Summary of Emission Calculations**

Table C1 - 2 Summary of Emission Calculations														
PROCESS	Actual Annual Emissions for BATTERIES 7-9							Future Allowable Emissions for BATTERY C						
	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	VOC	PM TOTAL (filt+cond)	PM <sub>10</sub> TOTAL (filt+cond)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> TOTAL (filt+cond)	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	VOC	PM TOTAL (filt+cond)	PM <sub>10</sub> TOTAL (filt+cond)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> TOTAL (filt+cond)	CO
	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year	tons/year
Pre-Push Emissions	0.176	0.623	0.113	11.949	6.174	5.775	0.140	0.006	0.023	0.001	12.869	6.649	6.220	0.004
WITHOUT HOOD														
Pushing Fugitives	0.2	1.3	1.0	5.9	3.2	2.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.6	3.6	2.0	1.2	0.5
WITH HOOD														
PEC BH	13.5	50.5	3.1	15.2	7.2	3.5	33.9	15.9	37.9	1.2	33.5	14.9	6.1	38.2
Traveling	10.9	40.6		23.2	8.7	3.2	8.7	6.4	24.1		13.8	5.2	1.9	5.2
PEC fugitives	1.7	6.4	29.8	172.0	95.3	59.1	23.0	0.9	3.5	20.4	119.1	65.8	40.7	16.2
Quenching			35.5	367.1	297.0	226.9			21.9	43.9	108.3	105.5	102.8	
STACK TOTAL (from Stacks 20)	1035.0	102.4	6.7	95.8	91.2	89.5	418.0	609.8	140.3	51.9	77.0	75.4	74.5	439.0
Ball Mill				0.015	0.015	0.015					0.017	0.017	0.017	
Soaking	0.6	60.9	3.7	9.2				0.3	34.1	2.1	5.2			
Decarbonization							715.6							691.8
Fugitives														
Doors			6.8	5.5			3.4			2.6	2.2			1.3
Lids			0.0	0.01			0.01			0.1	0.1			0.04
Charging			0.4	0.4			0.2			0.5	0.4			0.2
Offtakes			0.2	0.2			0.1			0.1	0.1			0.1
TOTAL	1062.2	262.7	87.3	706.4	508.9	390.0	1203.8	633.6	262.6	123.4	376.1	275.5	233.5	1192.5

**Table 3**  
PSD and Nonattainment New Source Review Applicability Analysis

Pollutant	C Battery Emission Increases	Battery 7, 8 & 9 Emission Decreases	Net Emission Change	PSD Significant Threshold	PSD Applicability	NA NSR Significant Threshold	NA NSR Applicability
	tons/yr	tons/yr	tons/yr	tons/yr		tons/yr	
NO <sub>x</sub>	633.6	1062.2	-428.5	25	NO	40	NO
SO <sub>2</sub>	240.70	262.70	-22.0	40	NO	N/A	N/A
VOC	123.40	87.3	36.10	N/A	N/A	40	NO
TSP	376.1	706.40	-323.3	N/A	N/A	25	NO
PM <sub>10</sub>	314.0	508.89	191.8	15	NO	N/A	N/A
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	272	390.0	-115.1	N/A	N/A	10	NO
CO	1192.48	1203.8	-11.3	100	NO	N/A	N/A
Lead	0.012	0.012	0.00	0.6	NO	N/A	N/A
H <sub>2</sub> S	148.291	277.289	-129.0	10	NO	N/A	N/A
TRS	307.30	297.38	9.92	10	NO	N/A	N/A

**EMISSIONS SUMMARY (for C-Battery):**

POLLUTANT	Tons/year
<b>Particulate Matter</b>	376.10
<b>PM-10</b>	275.5
<b>PM-2.5</b>	233.50
<b>Sulfur Oxides</b>	262.6
<b>Nitrogen Oxides</b>	633.60
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>	123.40
<b>Carbon Monoxide</b>	1192.50
<b>Benzene</b>	4.57
<b>Naphthalene</b>	0.60
<b>Cyanide Compounds</b>	1.69
<b>HCl</b>	22.0

**RECOMMENDATION:**

All applicable Federal, State and County regulations have been addressed in the permit. The installation permit amendment for U.S Steel- Clairton should be approved with the emission limitations, terms and conditions in Installation Permit 0052-I011a